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Applicants:	Tongwei LIU et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	2859
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Serial No.:	09/851,066	§	Group Art Unit:	2167
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Filed:	05/07/2001	§	Examiner:	Miranda Le
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For:	Segmenting Information	§	Docket No.:	10012392-1
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Date: July 14, 2006

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of April 17, 2006, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.